

Farm Computer Usage and Ownership

DSL was the most common method of accessing the Internet, with 36 percent of U.S. farms using it, up from 27 percent in 2007. In 2007, dialup was the most common method of accessing the internet. Dialup access dropped from 47 percent in 2007 to 23 percent in 2009. Satellite and wireless were each reported as the primary internet access methods on 13 percent of those U.S. farms with Internet access. Cable was reported as the primary access method on 11 percent of the farms.

A total of 59 percent of U.S. farms now have Internet access, compared with 57 percent in 2007. Sixty-four percent of farms have access to a computer in 2009, the same level as 2007. The proportion of U.S. farms owning or leasing a computer in 2009, at 61 percent, was up 1 percentage point from 2007. Farms using computers for their farm business increased 1 percentage point from 2007 to 36 percent in 2009.

In 2009, 81 percent of U.S. farms with sales and government payments of \$250,000 or more have access to a computer, 79 percent own or lease a computer, 69 percent are using a computer for their farm business, and 76 percent have Internet access. For farms with sales and government payments between \$100,000 and \$249,999, the figures are: 70 percent have access to a computer, 67 percent own or lease a computer, 52 percent are using a computer for their farm business, and 63 percent have Internet access. Of the farms with sales and government payments between \$10,000 and \$99,999, 62 percent reported having computer access, 59 percent own or lease a computer, 38 percent use a computer for their farm business, and 57 percent have Internet access.

For crop farms, 65 percent have computer access and 40 percent use a computer for their farm business in 2009, up 1 and 3 percentage points from 2007, respectively. Internet access for crop farms has increased to 60 percent in 2009, compared with 56 percent in 2007. In 2009, a total of 63 percent livestock farms have computer access and 58 percent have Internet access.

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Farms that....	AZ/NV percent	US percent 1/
Have Computer Access	45	64
Have Internet Access	40	59
Have Purchased Agricultural Inputs Over Internet	6	13
Have Conducted Agricultural Marketing Over Internet	4	11
Access USDA/NASS Reports Over Internet	3	7
Access Other USDA Reports and Service Over Internet	4	12
Access Other Federal Government Web Sites Over Internet	9	13
Use Dialup Primarily	36	23
Use DSL Primarily	17	36
Use Cable Primarily	10	11
Use Satellite Primarily	20	13
Use Wireless Primarily	8	13
Use Other/Unknown Primarily	9	4

1/ Excludes Alaska and Hawaii